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Greitens calls for income tax cuts as 'investment' in Missouri

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Gov. Eric Greitens joined the chorus of Missouri Republicans calling for cuts to the state income tax in his second State of the State address to a joint session of the legislature Wednesday night.

With a spate of tax-slashing bills already introduced in both the House and Senate, and with the GOP holding super majorities in both chambers, the push for tax cuts seems to be picking up steam in 2018.

Critics have pointed to Kansas, which saw its state budget fall into financial chaos after income tax cuts were implemented in 2012.

After nine rounds of budget cuts, Kansas lawmakers voted last year to rescind most of the 2012 tax reductions.

Greitens called tax cuts "one of the best investments we can make in Missouri." He vowed to lay out a detailed tax cut plan by early next week.

"It is the boldest state tax reform in America," he said of

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Missouri Gov. Eric Greitens called for tax cuts in his State of the State speech Wednesday but didn't lay out his plan for the state budget.

DEATH TOLL REACHES 17 IN CALIFORNIA MUDSLIDES

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The death toll from the mudslides that struck Southern California climbed to 17 on Wednesday as crews searched for more than a dozen missing people. The mudslides, which destroyed an estimated 100 homes, were unleashed by flash flooding in the Santa Ynez Mountains, where hillsides were stripped of vegetation by last month's wildfire.

Trump blasts court's DACA ruling

BY BRIAN BENNETT AND LISA MASCARO
Tribune Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON

President Donald Trump denounced the federal courts Wednesday as "broken and unfair" after a district judge in San Francisco issued a nationwide injunction keeping protections in place for so-called Dreamers.

"It just shows everyone how broken and unfair our Court System is when the opposing side in a case (such as DACA) always runs to the 9th Circuit and almost always wins before being reversed by higher courts," Trump wrote in a tweet.

On Tuesday night, U.S. District Judge William Alsup in San Francisco temporarily blocked the Trump administration's decision to phase out the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, known as DACA, which has protected from deportation some 700,000 people who came to the country illegally as children.

Alsup granted a request by the state of California, the University of California and other plaintiffs to stop Trump from ending DACA on March 5.

The administration's decision to end DACA, which was announced in September, was based on a "flawed" legal analysis, Alsup wrote in his decision. Dreamers would be irreparably harmed if their DACA protec-

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Hundreds gathered in New York's Washington Square Park last month to protest administration policies on immigrants.

Kansas legislator plans measure eliminating anonymous bills

BY JUDY L. THOMAS, LAURA BAUER AND HUNTER WOODALL
The Kansas City Star

Kansas legislators no longer would be able to introduce bills without revealing who is behind them under a proposal by an Overland Park lawmaker.

Rep. Stephanie Clayton plans to introduce legislation that would require bills introduced by a committee to include the name of the person who requested them. Under her proposal, the name would not only be included in the minutes of the committee, but also would follow the bill through the legislative process and remain attached to it.

"You need to know whose interest is behind legislation," Clayton, a Republican, told The Star. "The left hand needs to

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Town hall postponed

A town hall scheduled for Thursday evening has been rescheduled for next Thursday, Jan. 18, because of the predicted bad weather. The panel discussion on secrecy in Kansas government is open to the public, but please register at www.kansascity.com/secretkansas if you haven't already done so. The town hall will begin at 7 p.m. at Olathe City Hall, 100 E. Santa Fe St. Several lawmakers and an attorney who specializes in Kansas open records laws will make up the panel.

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